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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ross H. CORNELL) Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/664,403) Examiner: Dr. Geoffrey R. Akers, P.E.
Filed: September 18, 2000)
For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS)
AND METHOD FOR CREATING)
EFFICIENT FLOATER CLASSES)
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2003, Applicant files this Amendment as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The period for replying to the August 4, 2003, Final Office Action has been extended to December 4, 2003, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the following listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections and begin on page 15 of this paper.

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